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Photojournalism professor dies Wayne Miller leaves positive image

Wayne Miller, an HSU journalism professor, died at the age of 48 of a rare form of lung cancer.

"Wayne, we'll miss you," read a note written on the dry-erase board of Miller's office door.

This seemed to be the sentiment shared by members of the journalism department as news spread of Miller's death.

Less than a day later former students of Miller were calling The Lumberjack from as far away as San Diego to find the cause of Miller's death and when services would be held.

The news of Miller's death came as a shock to many of his students, past and present.

"He (Miller) believed in everything he said," said Colleen Futch, a journalism alumna, in a telephone interview from San Diego.

A former darkroom technician for Miller,

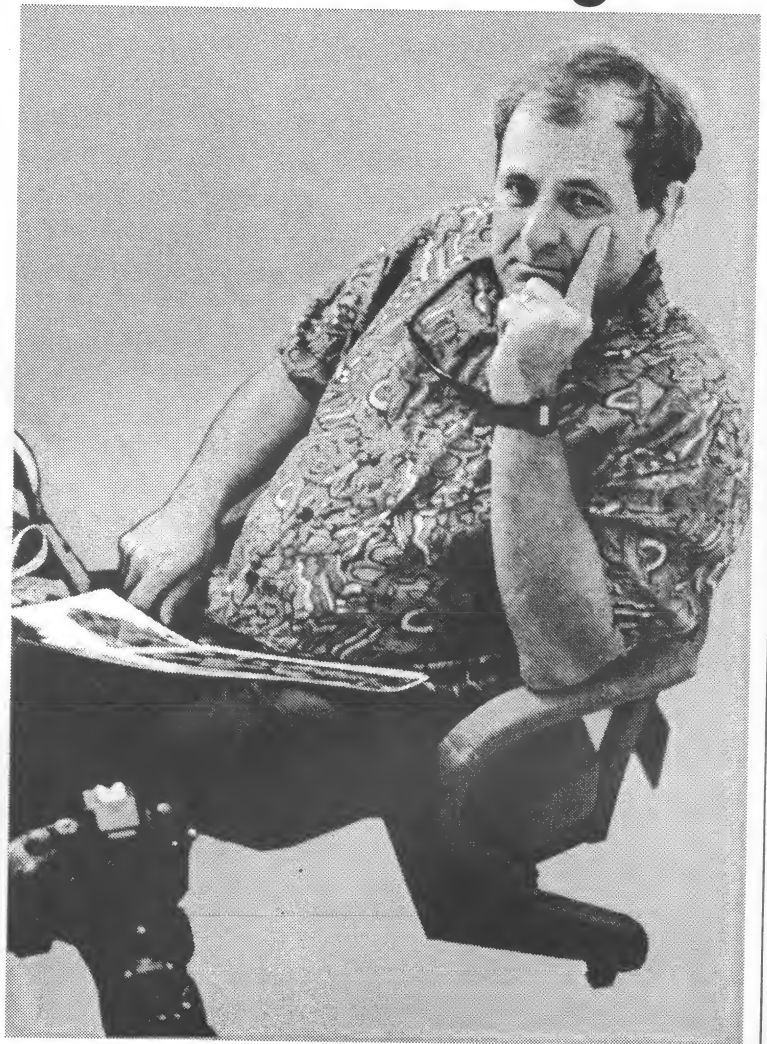
Futch said, "When he complimented you, you knew it was true."

Journalism alumnus Richard Warchol, who works as the county reporter for the Ventura Star-Free Press, said in a telephone interview from Ventura, he still uses a lot of what Miller taught him in photojournalism.

"He really framed my thinking of how to tell stories — it was much deeper than photography."

An HSU graduate in 1984, Miller taught photojournalism, beginning reporting and Macintosh publishing at HSU for 10 years.

Some of Miller's contributions include: managing editor of The Union in Arcata from 1986 to 1988, staff photographer for The Times-Standard from 1982 to 1986 and staff photographer for the North Coast Journal from



1990 to 1991.

Miller was also noted for other skills and achievements: editor and project coordinator of two

books containing more than 130 photographs about the people, places and events of Humboldt and Del Norte counties,

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Journalism staff adjusts to faculty changes

BY MARK LARSON

JOURNALISM PROFESSOR

This last fall had been the start of a planned year of transition. We knew about Howard Seemann's plans for taking the early retirement program and being gone fall semester. Wanda McClusky Rigby also retired from her many years of full- and part-time teaching.

Kathleen McCutcheon had also announced her intention to take a full-time job in Housing, after nine years as department secretary and we welcomed Kim Griswell, her replacement. We had advertisements out for our faculty opening for someone with a background in broadcast news.

Wayne Miller was happy and excited about finally teaching a beginning reporting class, in addition to his usual photojournalism sections. In fact, due to Howard being gone fall semester, he had a full load of courses including editing and Mac Publishing.

But in early October, Wayne was home ill for two weeks and then in intensive care at the hospital with undiagnosed symptoms. A week later, on the day he was to get out of the ICU, Wayne died. His wife, Sherri, called me with the news a few hours later. His autopsy later revealed a rare form of lung cancer as the cause of death.

Our hearts and our heads are still trying to adjust to his death — we miss him as a friend, as a colleague and as a teacher. We said goodbye to Wayne at memorial services at Patrick's Point and in the courtyard of Founder's Hall. I still hear his voice at the office talking to students. Any minute I expect him to push open the door to Bret Harte House in his distinctive way.

We will miss his gifts as a teacher and his efforts to bring us into the age of digital photography. Those who wish may make donations to the Wayne Miller Memorial Photojournalism Scholarship, in care of the journalism department.

We are also indebted to the contributions of Debra Webster, Neil Gilchrist, Jerry Reynolds and Sid Dominitz who taught Wayne's classes during his illness and after his death. They did a great job of helping students make it through fall semester.

re-accreditation review scheduled for this year for a variety of reasons. We appreciate all of your contributions to our self-study process which we are completing despite our decision. Dean Ron Young will be stepping down after 27 years as Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities and we are glad to have this self-study in place in anticipation of the new Dean's arrival.

It was also fun to see so many familiar alumni faces last spring at Howard's retirement event at Spring Banquet and to meet for the first time many alumni from prior to 1975.

We are fortunate with his plans for early retirement in that he will be able to continue teaching half time for up to five years. No surprise, Howard will remain as adviser to the *The Lumberjack* as part of his duties.

We have also created a new scholarship in Howard's name to help provide support for *Lumberjack* editors. We think this will be an important legacy for his many contributions to the student newspaper and the journalism department.

I also want to thank you all for your continued support with your donations to our scholarships and the endowment fund. Need I say that fees in the CSU are continuing to rise? Your gifts really do help students make ends meet financially. We have used some of our accrued interest from the endowment to help bring in guest speakers and to assist with the costs related to interviewing faculty candidates for our opening.

Stay in touch with news about your lives and any internships or job openings. Write, call or use e-mail: larsonm@axe.humboldt.edu.

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Journalism technobits

The Lumberjack has added a World Wide Web Site which links the newspaper with millions of other computers on the Internet.

Web sites use a medium called hypertext that allows a computer user to jump from one site to another by clicking a highlighted word.

As for now, the web site is completely text, but Jackson Garland, online editor for The Lumberjack, said the site will include photographs and advertisements by next fall.

"That should expand our readership," Garland said. "Right now there isn't any way to promote the newspaper online except a little note in bulletin board menus."

Lumberjack news



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1960s

Hugh James Clark, '64, is a bureau chief for The Honolulu Advertiser. He and his wife traveled to the South Pacific and North and Southeast Asia. They have a 2-year-old daughter named Sandhya whom he calls "their real project."

1970s

Eric Grunder, '70, is the business editor at the Stockton Record while finishing a masters in history and journalism at Sacramento State University. He and his wife, Janet, have two daughters, Sarah and Emily.

Kathleen Alban Tahja, '70, is a school librarian at Mendocino Middle School and a bookkeeper at Gallery Bookshop. She spent a week camping in the Scott Mountains by the Oregon border. She has a 16-year-old son, Matti, and a 12-year old daughter, Fern.

Paul Brisso, '73, is an attorney and partner at Mitchell, Brisso, Delaney, Reinholtsen and Vrieze and lives in Eureka. He went hunting in Alaska for grizzly bears when the "weather was minus 30 degrees at night and about minus 10 degrees during the day, but got a very good bear." His wife, Melissa, is a 1973 HSU graduate.

Hank Kashdan, '73, is assistant director of law enforcement and investigations at USDA Forest Services and lives in Virginia. He enjoys hiking, camping and boating.

Arnie Braafladt, '74, is a staff attorney for the California School Employees Association and lives in San Jose.

Karen Lucchesi Sipma, '74, is director of special events at KEET-TV in Eureka. She enjoys watercoloring, tennis, and cross-country skiing. She has two children, Ben, 16, and Kate, 13.

Karen Vertin, '74, is a director at Novato Community Hospital and she does public relations, marketing and fund development. She has two 8-year-old sons.

John Wright, '74, is a correspondent for the AP-Dow Jones in Brazil. He and his wife, Marcia, have a 6-year-old daughter, Juliana, and a 3-year-old son, Joseph.

Emily Kratzer, '76, is weekend news editor for the Gannett-Rockland Journal-News and she lives in New Jersey. She has "two sons, three cats, one house and one husband."

Terry Rodgers, '76, is a staff writer at the San Diego Union-Tribune working on general assignments with an emphasis on coastal issues. He is doing a lot of surfing and a little flyfishing and he has a son, Devin, 12.

Mitch Waldow, '76, is a news anchor manager at KCOP Television, Inc. and lives in Beverly Hills. At his job he markets and licenses the "largest independent TV news archive on the west coast."

Chris Broderick, '77, is education editor at Rocky Mountain News and lives in Denver. He teaches journalism at Metropolitan State College and won first place this year for best education coverage in the United States among large newspapers. He and his wife, Mary, are expecting their first child in January.

J. Patrick O'Hara, '77, is an attorney at law and a law clerk and lives in Santa Barbara. He and his wife Karen have two children, Karen, 7, and Jamie, 4.

Karen O'Hara, '77, is a consultant at Ryan Associates. She travels extensively for her job and coordinates company publications. She is married to HSU grad Pat and they have a son and daughter.

Kevin Cloherty, '78, is first assistant manager at Orchard Supply Hardware and he lives in Modesto, Calif. He and his wife, Barb, have two daughters, Devon and Shannon.

Donna Miller-Michaud, '78, is director of Division of Eligibility and Payment Services for Humboldt Child Care Council in Eureka. She and her husband, Gary, have two sons, Jacob, 12, and Jordan, 10.

Bev Hudson Stupek, '78, is a job services instructor for Private Industry Council and lives in Redding. She is "celebrating 16 years of marriage to fellow HSU grad Sonny Stupek and enjoying children Megan, 11, Lauren, 8, and Brian, 2." She and her husband returned to Arcata for the first time in 10 years recently and "had a blast ... Don's Donut's survives!"

Nancy Viega, '78, is an English Instructor at Modesto Junior College. She is working on becoming a renaissance woman by "tiling, welding, growing, building, sewing, writing, looking." She and her husband, Michael, have two children, Sofia, 4, and Peter, 5 months.

Mary Bullwinkel, '79, is an assistant manager and does public affairs for the Pacific Lumber Company in Scotia. She enjoys gathering photos on Humboldt County history.

Sharon Zoumaris, '79, is a manager of children's services and lives in Fredricksburg, Va. She and her husband, photographer Norm Shefer, have two kids, Leslie, 6, and Rachael, 3.

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Internet guru sets his own pace

BY AURIANA KOUTNIK
JOURNALISM SENIOR

Freelance author Kevin Savetz said writing is a matter of catering to his whims. He only writes about what interests him — the Internet — and has come to be regarded as somewhat of an expert.

"It's weird. I didn't set out to become an expert at anything. But all of a sudden I knew more than anyone else about it," he said.

Savetz now works as a system administrator for Northcoast Internet, an access service in Eureka.

Since graduating three years ago, he has sold hundreds of magazine articles and published his book "Your Internet Consultant: The FAQs of Life On-line."

"It's strange when I get e-mail from Sacramento and Norway and Ireland asking me questions about the Internet," Savetz said.

He receives about 1,000 e-mail messages a week. Luckily his computer automatically answers many of the electronic requests for help.

The ideas for his articles come from everywhere.

"If there's something that interests me, I figure there must be someone else out there

interested."

Savetz sold his first freelance magazine article to Micro Times for \$300 three months before graduating from HSU in December 1992.

"Originally, I decided to go this route (and be a freelance writer) because of the proverbial 'I didn't have a real job.'

"I really didn't have a job lined up after graduation. And I refused to leave (Humboldt County)," he said.

"Once I got into freelancing, I found I really liked it.

"I can poke my nose into a lot of technologies and learn and read about what interests me. I can cater to my whims.

"And I'm self-motivated. It's nice not being tied to a time clock. It gives me a lot of flexibility."

One thing he's learned about working as a freelancer is that "getting paid on speculation makes for interesting

budgeting."

Nonetheless, he admits, the money is better than he expected.

"I thought working for Northcoast Internet would support my writing fetish. But as it turned out, my writing could be a full-time job if I let it," he said

He has worked at Northcoast Internet since April 1993.

His 600-page Internet guidebook has sold more than 12,000 copies since its release in June. It took him three months to write his first book.

"It was pretty stressful," he said. "I discovered an ability to procrastinate far more than I originally thought. When the book finally came out, it was amazing. It was just like writing one great big article."

His future plans are to keep

doing what he's doing.

"I want to focus a little more on books and large projects and less on magazine articles," he said.

His projects include writing part of a collaborative book titled "Internet User Tools."

"I didn't set out to become an expert at anything. But all of a sudden I knew more than anyone else about it."

Journalism couple teams up for success

BY ROGER KANE
JOURNALISM SENIOR

After three years in "unsafe downtown Stockton," Portland feels right at home to alumna Deborah Willoughby. She said she likes living in the "suburbs with a city next door."

Deborah is a part-time copy editor for the Vancouver Columbian, a family-owned evening daily. Her husband, Brian, also works for The Columbian. He said his job title is "too stupid to mention," but he reports specifically on social concerns such as minority issues, poverty and the elderly.

Deborah started working on The Columbian in 1992 and since she's been on staff, she's seen "constant change" in the newsroom.

Brian and Deborah met in Stockton and

both worked at The Record — he as a features reporter and she as a copy editor.

Deborah said it was fascinating to see the differences between guild and non-guild newspapers — mainly the money was better on a guild paper.

Before making the move in 1986 to "very violent Stockton," Deborah was the assistant metro editor for the The Press & Sun-Bulletin in New York.

The Sun-Bulletin is a non-guild, Gannett-owned paper and even though she had more responsibility there, her salary was less than at The Record.

While working for The Press & Sun, the newspaper merged with another publication.

Although it's "sad to see a newspaper go," she received a huge promotion and her audience more than doubled when the readership increased from "25,000 to 60,000 overnight."

A stout believer that journalists should have a broad education, Deborah is grateful for the research experience she gained at Tulane University in New Orleans where she worked as an assistant to a Nobel Prize-winning cancer researcher.

She may have started writing as a Lumberjack staffer, but Deborah said The Eureka Times-Standard proved to be more helpful in her career. She started working for The Times-Standard in 1979 and when she left in 1983 she was the Society editor.

Alum breaks record

Alumn John Zelezny broke a record that would have Richard Simmons' head spinning.

The 39-year-old California State University, Fresno, communications law professor beat Jack La Lanne's fitness record by doing 1,000 push-ups and 1,000 chin-ups in 1 hour, 17 minutes and 9 seconds, beating La Lanne's time by about five minutes.

Zelezny, a lawyer and author of two textbooks, graduated from HSU in 1978. He taught journalism at HSU in 1986 and served as coordinator of public information for Eureka's St. Joseph Hospital from 1979 to 1982.

Zelezny is a former student of Professor Mark Larson, who said he was an outstanding student and excellent teacher.

"John pursues excellence in everything he does," Larson said.

Larson said Zelezny's wife has been in Southern California working on her doctorate and her absence was a possible spur to the record breaker.

"Maybe he's been working off the frustrations of being a single dad out in the garage," he said.

1980s

Brian Akre, '80, is a business writer for the Associated Press. He plans to marry Rene in Juneau in July. He's also working on fixing up a 1940 house. He recently moved from Alaska and said he liked the area but the "rain is worse than Arcata's — really!"

Catalina Rofloc Mirran, '80, is a full-time mom raising "two perfectly wonderful girls." Her household includes her husband, Robert, Cinnamon, 4, Brie, 2, Tofu, the ball Python, a cockatiel, an Amazon parrot and "various turtles and dragons."

Dennis Weber, '80, is a legislative analyst for the California Department of Consumer Affairs and lives in Sacramento. He and his wife, Beverly, obtained teaching credentials last year and they have two children, Caitlin, 9, and Brian, 5.

Eric Weigers, '80, is public relations director at Carter Waxman Advertising & Public Relations and works in San Jose. He likes to golf, grow wine grapes and fish. He has a 9-year-old son, Cory.

Debarah Willoughby (Apuli), '80, is copy editor for The Columbian and lives in Vancouver, Wash. She and her husband, Brian, and their 3-year-old son, Jay, welcomed Clara Rose into their family in October.

Ed Beebout, '81, is a news director and anchor for KFTY-TV and lives in Santa Rosa where he works with three other HSU grads.

Kym Pokorny, '81, is a home and garden writer for The Oregonian. She's taken a lot of tropical vacations, including the Carribean and Hawaii. She is fixing up her 1909 house in Portland and spending time with family, friends, her dog and two cats.

Deborah Lynn Heiman, '82, is director and producer of Redwood Empire Public Television, Channel 13 and lives in Arcata. She produced another documentary titled, "Do You Remember When ... KEET-TV" in which she covered three historical topics from Humboldt County. She went sea kayaking in Baja and had a "very close encounter with a finback whale."

Rex Morgan, '82, is a special education classroom aid at Hickma High School and lives in Columbia, Mo. He is working toward a teaching certificate and master's in special education at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Kelly Shively, '82, is advertising manager for the Sacramento Bee. Her hobbies include "sleep, sleep, sleep" and she and her husband, Jim, have two children, Breer, 5, and Hudson, 1.

Bobbi Villalobos, '82, is assistant English professor at Cerritos College. She hopes to publish a cooperative learning workbook and develop a guide to teaching at the community college for graduate students.

Robin Walsh, '82, is a deputy probation officer II at the Humboldt County Probation Department where she works with juveniles in the justice system. As far as her marital status goes, she's "still flying solo."

Michael Byers, '83, is a college counselor at West Valley-Mission Community College District and lives in Santa Cruz. He is the winner of the 1994 Ninkasi Award, the high point winner in the national American Homebrewer Competition. He and his wife, Juliet, are planning on returning to Europe for their sixth trip to hike the Alps.

Catherine Henry, '83, is a public relations and marketing coordinator at Lodi Memorial Hospital where she said she does "everything the director doesn't want to do." She and her husband, Jim, have two children, the youngest one is 3. She was "crazy enough to pursue my MA in communication."

Jill Henry, '83, is an eighth grade language arts teacher, department chair and newspaper adviser at Snowline Unified School District and lives in Pinon Hills, Calif. She still does radio on the weekends and she and her husband, Jed, have two children, Rachel, 11, and Steven, 5.

Robin Lutchansky, '83, is director of public relations for the Benjamin Group, an agency specializing in technology. She does anti-drug counseling at a women's jail and recently turned down a job in journalism because she loves PR so much. "Public relations is not a sell-out career for some of us ... it's our preferred choice!"

Tim Parsons, '83, is a sports editor at Freeport Journal-Standard and lives in Freeport, Ill. He said his awards are "too numerous to list."

Garth Rogers, '83, is a fifth grade teacher in the San Mateo Foster City School District. He and his wife, Sophi, just had their second child, Quin. They recently bought their first home and are feeling "very settled and suburban."

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FACULTY UPDATE

Sherilyn Bennion



I had some difficulty returning to teaching after a year spent on research and writing. I made good progress on my biography of Marietta Stow, a Bay Area reformer and editor, but finished the year off without finishing the book. It's coming together in bits and pieces now, but I hope to submit it to a publisher this spring.

My travels have included trips to professional meetings in such exotic locales as Roanoke, Va. My term on the board of the American Journalism Historians Association ended with the fall trip to Roanoke.

Kim Griswell



As new kid on the journalism block, the question I find needs answering most often by alumni is "What do you mean Kathleen doesn't work here anymore?" The question is usually followed by some strange sucking gasp.

Although it is always difficult to step into a position filled so ably for so many years, I'm slowly beginning to feel like the "real" department secretary, instead of a substitute Kathleen.

I'm a full-time graduate student completing a double English masters here at HSU, one in teaching writing, the other in literature. I've been a replacement secretary in geography, sociology, anthropology and social work (where I spent much of my time explaining I wasn't Mary Jean or Ruth). I'm also the coordinator of the Raymond Carver Short Story Contest, the Women's Center co-coordinator and newsletter editor and the 1991 HSU Woman of the Year. I'm a writer of children's literature, a part-time editor, a teacher of English 100, the mother of five — four boys, one girl. Although I may be a bit unsure which hat I'm supposed to be wearing at any given time of the day, I am quite a capable hat juggler.

Jan Kraepellen

This year we started HSU's first telecourse over Arcata Community Access Television. EDUCATION CONNECTION gives in-service credit to K-12 teachers for watching the presentations on Tuesday evenings and demonstrating additional outside work.

The live program features viewer call-in and illustrious guests from our education community. This is followed by several student-produced live shows including one that examines the justice system and another featuring local Native American leaders. We are also finishing the campus video about the HSU building program which will be shown to the CSU trustees in May.

Mark Larson



Imagine me this last August flyfishing in a wild Alaskan stream with a salmon on and ripping off line ... when suddenly, a companion watching from behind me says, "Don't let it jump — a grizzly is coming!"

Needless to say, my attention wandered from the fish and it soon broke my line. I was assistant leader on a Sierra Club outing, rafting down the Alagnak River in Katmai National Park. This was the first trip for me where fishing won out over photography and the entire trip was a great experience — except the no-see'ums were so big you could see'um.

I also had a great time leading a Sierra Club family raft trip on the Green River in Dinosaur National Monument. My son, now 6 years old, and my wife accompanied me. Our 16-year-old daughter is on AFS exchange to Belgium this year — she loved school in the fall as they were on strike for seven weeks.

Creative projects include doing a readership survey for alumna Judy Hodgson and her publication, "Northcoast Journal," an employee and customer survey for a local grocery co-op and a county-wide survey on recycling behavior. I've been active in a statewide project to build alliances between journalism educators and media professionals. I also received a \$10,000 grant last summer from CSU to help an Arcata high school instructor create an electronic magazine.

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The Lumberjack won second place in SPJ's Mark of Excellence Award this year for all-around non-daily newspaper in Region 11 — which includes California, Hawaii, Nevada and Arizona. UC Berkeley's North Gate Observer, produced by the graduate school of journalism, received the first place award.

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is Pete
Wilson?

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Theresa Wessels, '83, is a substitute teacher and lives in Phoenix, Ariz. No kids, but she has two dogs and a garden and hopes to move to Brussels.

Tina Wright, '83, is senior editor at State Farm Insurance and lives in Rohnert Park, Calif. She wrote, designed and published a book titled "VAX for Virgins," a beginner's guide to the Sonoma State University VAX system.

Mark Bruce, '84, is a self-employed attorney and lives in Canoga Park, Calif. He is divorced and has a 2-year-old son, Adam.

Steve Crome, '84, is owner and artist of Laguna Tattoo Studio. He said it is an "honor to do artwork on a living canvas" and he has attended numerous tattoo conventions. He traveled throughout the United States, Jamaica and Mexico. He has two dogs and owns a home in Laguna Beach.

Audrey Dragavon, '84, is office manager and property manager in Eureka.

Eileen Godwin (Rorden), '84, is forms designer and associate sales representative for Duplex Productions, Inc. and lives in Cameron Park, Calif. She has a 3-year-old son and is expecting another child in February.

Larry Shoop, '84, is an anchor and reporter for KGW-TV and lives in Portland, Ore. He and his wife, Rosie, have three children, Mark, 1, Hillary, 7, and Evelyn, 13.

Brenda Smith (Magnuson), '84, is a lawyer at Cunningham & Lansden and she lives in Smartville, Calif. She is still married to Stewart and she just bought a new house with "six acres with room for horses — my dream house."

Darcy Burdich, '85, is studio manager at Hal Riney & Partners and is engaged to be married.

Robert Gluckson, '85, teaches journalism courses at Seattle Central Community College and at the same time handles freelance writing and public relations. He is working on his book, "History of Sex in the Media," and teaches kids how to draw and publish their own comics.

Danae Seemann, '85, is an English language school owner and ESL teacher in Greece. Her 5-year-old daughter, Lia, finally met her grandpa Howard Seemann this fall.

Brad Stanhope, '85, is sports editor for Fairfield Daily Republic. He believes awards are "negative because they force competition. Also, I never win." He and his wife, Cari, have two sons, Chad, 4, and Derek, 1, and then there's the dog Vida, 2.

John Surge, '85, is the creative director for Hobbs/Herder Advertising where he "uses his HSU journalism skills every minute." He plays guitar and writes songs for the band Trouble Dolls, who released a debut CD. He's been married for 18 months to Bobbi. "She showed me how to paste up folio lines on The Lumberjack. Twelve years later, we're still together."

Kristina Woodall, '85, is getting her masters in counseling psychology at Regis University and lives in Dillon, Colo. She volunteers for Advocates for Victims of Assault and she just finished her first fiction novel. She said she is still single but "always looking for that perfect mate."

Rod Boyce, '86, is a city editor for the Fairbanks Daily News-Minor and lives in Fairbanks, AK. He and his wife, Julie, live in a cabin where it is "zero degrees outside and staying warm is a project."

Kim Coelho, '86, is program manager for the American Cancer Society in Arcata. She and her husband, Marty, have a three-month-old son, Keenan.

Heather Shelton, '86, is a staff writer for the Times-Standard and lives in Fortuna. She is a member of the American Association of University Women and has "a beautiful cat named Smidge."

Josseline Tamers, '86, is a publisher for Aller Simple and lives in Beverly Hills. She has one child, Scira, 14.

Calvin Trampleasure, '86, is an elementary grade music and physical education teacher at West Contra Costa Unified School District. He got engaged to Clarice and he's finally paying a mortgage rather than rent. He finished his masters in education this year at Cal State Hayward.

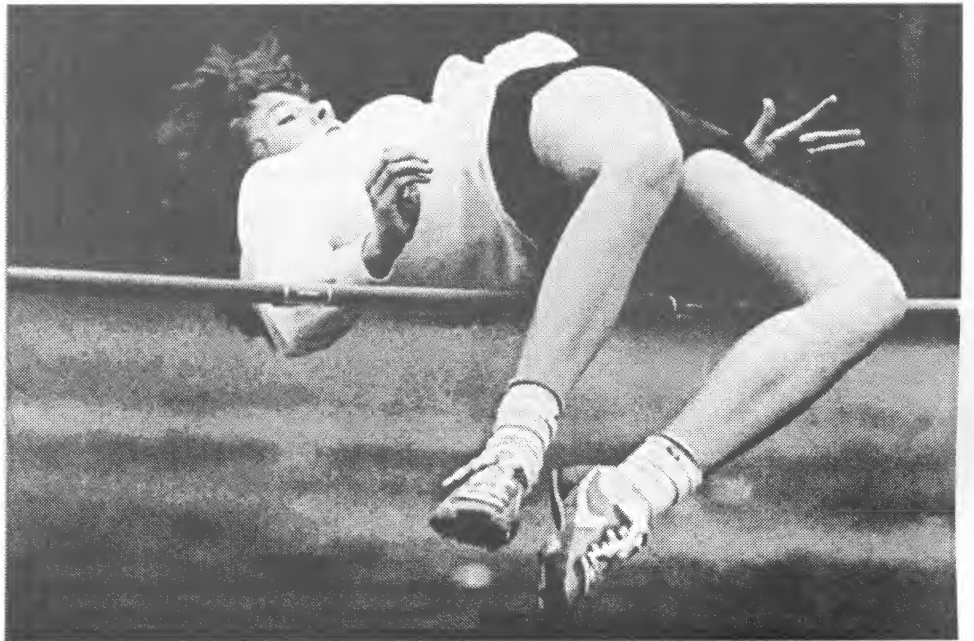
Tom Verdin, '87, is assistant city editor for The Desert Sun, a 55,000-circulation newspaper in Palm Springs. He and his wife, Tina, are planning to visit Washington, D.C., this year.

Victoria Walker (Kite), '88, is sports copy editor for five newspapers based in Pleasanton, Calif. She is glad to be back in her field because she is tired of "wearing pantyhose and being nice to dickheads." She married Chris last year in a hot air balloon and is proud they bought a house before she hit 30.

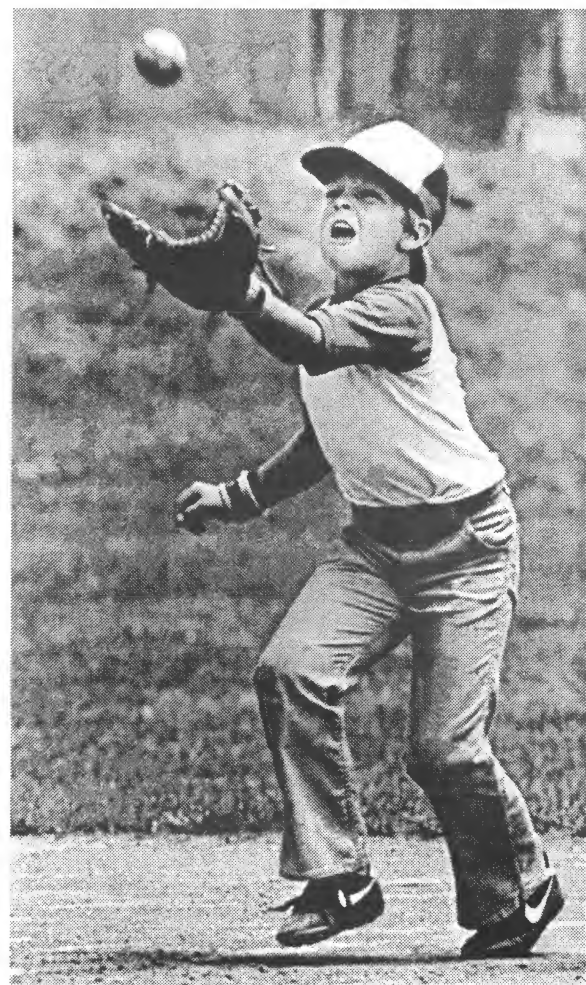
Nancy Austin (Luzovich), '89, is a paralegal and office manager at Deanna Beeler Attorney at Law and lives in North Bend, Ore. She recently married in Reno and is moving into her new home in Oregon in a few weeks.

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Photos by Wayne Miller



These photos are part of Wayne's collection and are some of his favorites. As a student in his beginning photojournalism class, I remember seeing these shots and being intimidated by their perfection. For me and many others, we left his class feeling as if we could capture a moment half as well as he did we might actually get a job.

FACULTY UPDATE

Leslie Lollich

The '94-'95 school year offered a new challenge — I took a shot at the TV news workshop. While enrollment wasn't great, those who participated were enthusiastic and managed to put together two shows a month. As my temporary, part-time teaching career ends, I'm encouraged by the prospect of a full-time professor moving in to take over and build the broadcast program.

On the home front — we managed a trip to Hawaii with HSU alum Kym Pokorny and a few others. My boys, now 8 and 10, couldn't swim enough and my husband thought the weather was wonderful. I think our trip to Canada a few months later was just as nice. HSU alum Lois O'Rourke tagged along on that one.

I've been running into journalism department professors at events such as the Clam Beach Run/Walk and the Foggy Bottoms Milk Run. My neighbor and I are walking. We were the only 10-mile walkers for Foggy Bottoms. We beat our Clam Beach time by 20 seconds. — it's been great, now if I'd just lose weight.

It's been exciting to hear so many of my broadcast students are getting jobs in the field. I'd really like to hear from more of you. See you at the banquet?

Mac McClary

For the first time in many years, I didn't take an international trip last year (bought a Mustang instead). But I made it to Hawaii in January and I'm planning to venture to a big international higher education conference in England with sidetrips to Wales and Scotland this summer.

Ann, my wife, is the senior employee at the HSU student health service. She and I will each mark 28 years of employment at HSU this year.

I continue to serve on the HSU Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee as a faculty representative. The committee recently successfully recommended that HSU add two women's sports, crew and soccer, in the interest of gender equality in athletics.

I'm also active in professional journalism organizations and still find time to run road races.



After nearly nine years at the Times-Standard — and 38 years in the newsroom — I left in mid-1994 to take on some additional teaching assignments and I am really enjoying the change.

In addition to Osprey and Interpreting Contemporary Affairs, this spring I am teaching a couple of one-unit workshops on PageMaker 5.0 for Extended Education.

And in my spare time, I continue to work on my own rhododendron garden and as chair of the annual flower show for the Eureka Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society. The show is being held at the Eureka Inn this year. The Eureka Chapter awarded me a Bronze Medal in December. The award is the highest an ARS chapter can give and is one of three the Eureka Chapter has awarded during the past 15 or so years.

Jerry Reynolds



Wanda Rigby

I was very happy to be able to retire in 1994 — at the young age of 50. I have been doing a little writing and PR for the Woman's Resource Center and I volunteer for the regional Breast Cancer Early Detection Program.

Also, I took a trip to Canada last fall. And there's always plenty to do on our seven acres in Hydesville. Best wishes to all present and future alumni.

Howard Seemann

Ann and I spent four weeks in Europe last fall, including 10 days on the island of Aegina, Greece, with my daughters and grandchildren.

We were there for Nick's baptism.

We went on to Italy and my old stomping grounds in Rome, Berlin (to visit an old copy-editing buddy), Hannover (where Ann once spent a summer), Sweden (where I visited the little village my grandfather left in 1893 — and I now know why he left) and to Lithuania, where Ann's college friend is military attache.

Unfortunately we couldn't make it back to Aegina for my daughter Danae's wedding in March. But I'm adjusting to semi-retirement. Still find time for surfing the Internet. Drop me a line at Seemann@axe.humboldt.edu.



Miller

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photo adviser for The Lumberjack and his proficiency in using the Macintosh computer.

Mark Larson, journalism department chair, said despite working and teaching with Miller, he began to realize Miller's true passion for photo-journalism when working with him on the book he edited, "Picture Del Norte County."

"Wayne dug so deeply into teaching as a process."

Larson said Miller asked a lot from his students and pushed them to the best of their ability.

"Having had Wayne as a student and having worked with him for 10 years it's like the loss of a family member," he said.

Miller is survived by his wife, son and daughter.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Wayne Miller Photojournalism Memorial Fund.

Stacey Keaffaber, '89, is the newsletter editor and volunteer coordinator for the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. She plans on living in Alaska for a couple of more years "but no longer than that — it's cold." She skis to work every day and her and her husband, also an HSU grad, rode a tandem bike up the Alcan, an Alaska-Canadian highway.

Kathy Nixon, '89, is a library reference assistant at the Sonoma County Library. She likes to hike, cycle and bird watch.

Sherrie Sweet, '89, is a daycare owner and operator in Boise. She and her husband, Gary, have two daughters, Hailey and Heather.

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Kenneth Cooper, '90, is the west coast manager at Challenge Sailcloth and lives in Laguna Niguel, Calif., where he controls sales in marine sailcloth and recreational fabrics. He serves as editor and publisher for a sailing newsletter.

Robyn Forrest, '90, is a technical writer for Butler Service Group. She is newly married to Steve Adams. She completed a six-month training program in radio broadcasting and is considering working in radio.

Matt Maiocco, '90, is sports editor of The Argus and lives in Fremont, Calif. Concerning his marital status, he said he is "single and loving life."

Jack Durham, '91, is news editor at The Union in Arcata. He and his girlfriend are fixing up a house they bought in McKinleyville this summer and they got another cat.

Jeff Gurley, '91, is a video production specialist at AJL Video Productions and lives in El Cajon, Calif.

James Green, '92, works in communications for Mervyns, Inc. and lives in Pleasanton, Calif. He is engaged to be married and works as a freelance writer for the local Valley Humane Society.

Catherine Kenny, '92, is a general assignment reporter for the Omak-Okanogan County Chronicle in Washington. She won first place in SPJ Inland Northwest for education reporting on a weekly.

Bea Tiritilli (Tomaselli), '92, is a substitute teacher, freelance writer and full-time student working on her masters and teaching credential. She did a 431-mile bike tour of Wisconsin last summer with her husband Gerald. She said they are still "blissfully happy" together.

Leslie Weiss, '92, is a city hall and crime reporter for the Tracy Press. She won first place in the CNPA Better Newspaper Contest in 1993 for enterprise reporting and she is looking "for a better job — so what's new?"

Tresa Black, '93, is a morning reporter and news anchor weekend fill-in traffic reporter at KJAX AM 1280 and Sacramento Metro Traffic.

Elizabeth Anne Bauman Brifflio, '93, is assistant to the director of marketing at Virginia Symphony and lives in Virginia. She married her "childhood buddy Frank" two years ago on Elvis' birthday and said she gets "lots of comp tickets to cool things!"

Emily Creely, '93, is a reporter for the Coast Community News Corp. and lives in Costa Mesa, Calif. She has travelled to Kuaii, New York City and Washington, D.C.

Jesse Ettinger, '93, is a producer and director at Miller Broadcasting, KVIQ-TV. He was nominated as employee of the month last year.

Shari Hambleton, '93, is a reporter and photographer at Central Idaho State News and lives in Idaho. She has a new addition to her career, her daughter Emily, who sometimes accompanies her on interviews via front babypack. "She does a wonderful job of warming up my subjects. I just don't take her to late night accident scenes."

Hassanah Nelson, '93, is a home health care provider and freelance writer in Arcata. She won a second place video award last year for the Kinectic Sculpture race contest. She has no children, but her cat Pooky frequently shows up as the ACAT kitty.

Marilyn Paik-Nicely, '93, is a community relations coordinator for CenterArts at HSU. She is program director for the Arcata Interfaith Gospel Choir, president of the Humboldt Swim Club Advisory Board and coaches girls' soccer. She and her husband, Tim, have three children — Josh, Tyler and Melia.

Jeff Schwartz, '93, is a management assistant at Enterprise Rent-A-Car and lives in Arcata. He recently took a trip to the East Coast.

Christopher Gast, '94, does public relations/communications for Beacon Arts and lives in Appleton, Wis.

Ryan Jones, '94, does cellular phone rental for Remote Telecom and is a freelance sportswriter for the Palo Alto Weekly. He spent a month traveling around Europe after graduation.

Shaun Walker, '94, is a video coordinator at Interviews Network in Arcata. He is a member of the Arcata Community Access Television Board of Directors and enjoys nature photography and kayaking.

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